Financial power with N.T.P.C. for boosting its operation

3675. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISH-RA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has been vested with a number of financial powers by the Cen tral Government to give impetus to its operation;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the time by w'nen a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP-NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The National Thermal Power Corporation have, in the light o'f the Memoranda of Understanding concludej with ths Corporation for the years 1987-88 and 1988-89, been delegated powers which include sanction of advance expenditure on new project proposals, release of foreign exchange upto specified limits in cases of committed multilateral and bilateral assistance tied up for projects and sanction of incentives etc., within the guidelines laid down for this purpose.

दिल्ली विद्युत प्रदाय संस्थान द्वारा केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो को भेजे गये मामले

3676. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 10 अगस्त, 1988 के 'हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स' में "डेसू ऐफर्स 10 केसिस टू सी० बी० आई०" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय में विद्युत विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Prizes for new inventions in the field of solar energy

3677. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will t'ne Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a teacher from Madhya Pradesh has invented a new solar cooker and a new solar wa tch; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) whether any financial assistance was sought for by the teacher from the Central Government; if. so, the amount demanded and the amount sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) A comm-unication has been received from a teacher in Madhya Pradesh claiming development o'f a solar cooker and Electronic Watch and seeking financial assistance for continuing the work.

Since necessary information regarding the Solar Cooker and Electronic Watch-developed by him were not provided, the teacher has been requested to provide this.

Power for Andbra Pradesfc from Kalpa-kkam

3678. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the repeated requests by the Andbra Pradesh Government, the Central Government would reconsider their decision and reallocate power from Kalpakkam; and

(b) if the answer fo part (a) above be in the affirmative, bywhen it is to be reallocated and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The distribution of power from the Kalpakkam Atomic Power Station is based on the decision to allocate the entire output of the first unit and half of the output of the second unit to Tamil Nadu. The balance output of the second unit is earmarked for the neighbouring States in the Southern Region for distribution in accordance with the Central formula in respect o'f sharing of power.

The Andhra Pradesh authorities, who had requested for reviewing the matter, were informed of the position.

Petrol pumps allotted to Kerala

3679. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of petrol pumps allotted to Kerala during the last two years;

(b) whether any petrol pumps have been allotted for Calicut; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The Oil Industry has allotted 34 Retail Outlet (Petrol/Diesel) dealerships in Kerala during the last two years; four out of these have been allotted in Calicut District as under:

S. No.	Name of the location
1.	Calicut (2)
?..	Balussery
3	Elat'hur

Policy for granting new electricity connection by DESU

3680 SHRI LAXM? NARATN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state what is the present policy of Delhi Elecricity Supply Undertaking (DESU) for granting new electricity connections for unauthorisedly built-up shops houses and religious places on land owned by Government, DDA and M.C.D.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT of POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): Under the existing rules, new electricity connections in unauthorisedly built up shops, houses and religious places on the public land are not permissible as the prospective consumer in such cases is not in a position to produce a valid proof of occupancy of the premises where a connection is sought. A non-domestic electricity connection is admissible in a religious place subject to completion of usual commercial formalities.

DESU offices attached by the Public

3681. SHRI LAXMI NARAIN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many DESU offices were the subject matter of public rage between the period from 1st July, 1987 to 1st July, 1988;

(b) how many officers/engineers of DESU were manhandled by the employ ees and outsiders between 1st July, 1987 to 3 Ist July, 1988; and

(c) what action has been taken by the DESU management to protect the office buildings and its employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Power production by using liquefied Natural Gas

3682. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has suggested for replacing the use of coal by hydrocarbons